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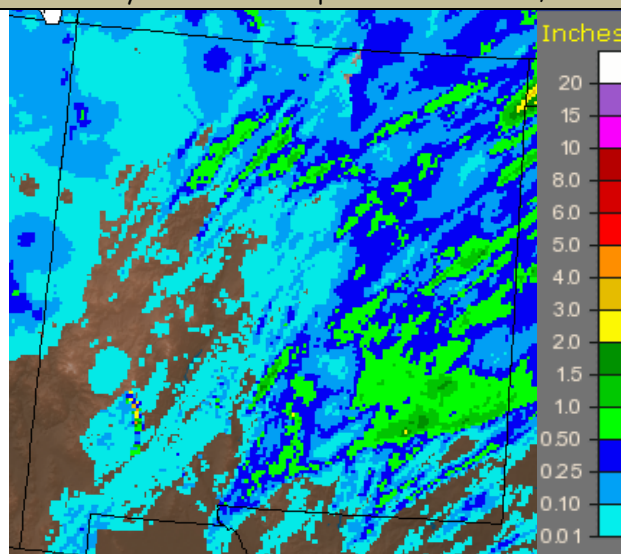
Crop Weather

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING October 14, 2012

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly good; sixth cutting 65% complete; seventh cutting 18% complete. Cotton conditions were mostly fair; 88% bolls opening; 3% harvested. Corn conditions were mostly fair; 72% mature; 92% silage harvested. Sorghum conditions were mostly very poor to fair; 72% turning color; 25% mature; 1% harvested. Winter wheat conditions mostly fair to poor; 98% planted; 66% emerged. Peanut conditions were poor to fair; 29% harvested. Lettuce conditions were mostly good; 5% harvested. Chile conditions were mostly good; 100% green harvested; 15% harvested red. Apple conditions were mostly good; 87% harvested. Pecan conditions were mostly good to excellent. Cattle conditions were mostly fair to very poor. Sheep conditions were mostly very poor to poor. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.9. Topsoil moisture was 53% very short, 37% short and 10% adequate. Wind damage was 4% light, 2% moderate and 2% severe; with cotton 85% damaged and sorghum 70% damaged. 10% light hail damage was reported this week.

Seven Day Observed Precipitation October 15, 2012



CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS					
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	6th Cut	65	48	80	55
Alfalfa	7th Cut	18	1	24	13
Chile	Hvst Green	100	94	100	98
Corn	Mature	72	70	89	86
Corn	Silage Hvst	92	85	93	56
Cotton	Bolls Opn	88	74	94	85
Cotton	Hvstd	3	-	16	7
Lettuce	Hvstd	5	2	39	25
Peanut	Hvstd	29	20	22	32
Sorghum	Mature	25	8	25	35
Sorghum	Trn Color	72	56	81	90
W Wheat	Planted	98	91	92	96
W Wheat	Emerged	66	45	71	84

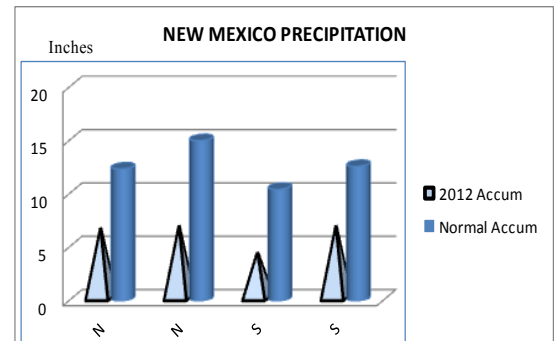
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	4	7	12	77	-
Chile	6	18	6	65	5
Corn	4	17	50	20	9
Cotton	5	23	33	9	30
Peanut	12	35	53	-	-
Sorghum	33	30	33	3	1
Cattle	29	35	34	2	-
Sheep	40	47	10	3	-

Additional Comments: **Rio Arriba:** Parts of the county received some rainfall this week. Producers continue to feed and haul water to livestock. **Taos:** Hay production in the county is 100% complete. Pastures continue to get drier as we have not received any precipitation. **Quay:** Some rainfall received this week. Most pastures are very dry and have very little grass growth. Some cool season forbs doing well and growing. Cattle numbers continue to be reduced due to drought. Conditions of cattle remain fair to good in most areas. Wheat crop is planted and has had a good start with moisture. **Dona Ana:** Harvest of Pawnee Pecans has already finished. Shucks splitting on other pecans. Elephant Butte Lake <3% of capacity. At present no plans for irrigation release in year 2013.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	68	32	-	-
Northeast	57	37	6	-
Southwest	35	15	50	-
Southeast	45	50	5	-
State Current	53	37	10	-
State-Last Week	44	41	15	-
State-Last Year	54	40	6	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	23	39	37	1



RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	51	36	13	-	-
Northeast	75	23	2	-	-
Southwest	60	20	15	5	-
Southeast	72	13	15	-	-
State Current	67	24	9	-	-
State-Last Week	55	31	13	1	-
State-Last Year	61	30	7	2	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	18	22	30	25	5



Weather Summary

The week started off with 2 to 11 degrees above average temperatures. By midweek a low pressure system from the West brought much cooler temperatures following showers and thunderstorms across the state. Locations with the highest rain amounts were Clayton with 1.97 in., Clovis with 0.98 in., and Chama with .52 in.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – October 7 – October 14, 2012								
Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 07 Oct – 14 Oct	Month 01 Oct-14 Oct	Accum. 01 Jan-14 Oct	Normal Oct	Normal Jan-Oct
Northwest								
Albuquerque	61.4	79	40	-	-	5.73	0.89	7.95
Chama	44.7	73	18	0.52	0.52	12.82	1.96	18.09
Farmington	56.3	78	35	0.08	0.08	2.44	0.85	7.18
Gallup	50.0	76	25	0.16	0.16	5.36	1.29	10.96
Grants	53.6	79	28	0.03	0.04	6.46	1.05	9.56
Johnson Ranch	51.1	77	21	0.00	0.00	1.31	1.11	10.16
Los Alamos	52.1	73	33	0.02	0.02	6.75	1.32	16.62
Red River	41.6	66	17	0.46	0.46	13.02	1.46	18.15
Santa Fe	52.1	76	25	0.18	0.18	5.26	1.04	12.58
Northeast								
Capulin	-	-	-	-	-	9.93	0.97	16.27
Clayton	56.9	84	32	1.97	2.09	6.86	0.90	14.28
Clovis	61.0	85	30	0.98	0.98	3.62	1.34	16.24
Las Vegas	52.4	77	23	0.36	0.36	7.24	1.51	17.78
Moriarty	52.1	79	26	0.20	0.20	9.17	1.10	11.77
Raton	51.1	79	24	0.44	0.53	8.64	0.97	15.61
Roy	-	-	-	-	-	4.58	1.05	14.79
Tucumcari	60.8	86	35	0.14	0.14	4.24	0.94	13.39
Southwest								
Animas	66.5	85	44	0.00	0.00	5.83	1.15	9.91
Deming	64.6	86	43	0.16	0.16	3.44	0.98	9.09
Gran Quivira	56.1	77	30	0.05	0.05	4.56	1.27	14.01
Quemado	53.8	76	28	0.00	-	7.71	1.18	12.59
Socorro	65.1	84	43	0.00	0.00	1.70	1.11	8.48
T or C	65.6	86	48	0.02	0.02	2.45	0.95	8.62
Southeast								
Alamogordo	64.2	85	41	0.40	0.40	1.88	1.30	11.21
Carlsbad	66.4	89	42	-	-	10.29	1.05	11.79
Carrizozo	59.8	81	34	0.37	0.37	4.16	1.19	11.31
Las Cruces	66.1	87	47	0.00	0.00	5.23	0.91	8.19
Roswell	60.3	89	34	1.00	1.22	6.98	1.19	11.83
Ruidoso	56.0	74	35	0.00	0.00	10.46	1.31	18.84
Tatum	59.3	80	33	0.47	0.56	8.60	1.49	15.02

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction - All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official.